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WASHINGTON - A former official of the Grumman Corp. testified Monday that an official of the Nixon White House asked for a $1 million contribution in exchange for administration efforts to push sale of Grumman aircraft in Japan.

The testimony came from Dr. Thomas B. Cheatham, who in the spring of 1972 headed a subsidiary called Grumman International, which did the corporation's overseas marketing.

Cheatham told the Senate subcommittee on multinational corporations that the soliciation for a contribution to Nixon's re-election campaign came at the close of a meeting he had with then-presidential aide Richard Allen. Allen at that time was deputy assistant to the President for international economic affairs.

Grumman was at the time trying to sell an airplane called the E2C to Japan. The craft is an airborne radar platform designed to track enemy force movements.

Cheatham said that after discussing the E2C sale, Allen walked him to the door of the executive office building in the spring of 1972 and brought up what Cheatham described as ''pragmatic realistic things.''

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